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Asbestos removal in campus tunnels completed

Brent McNulty
Copy Editor

You're walking across campus when you see a strange-looking contraption making a blowing noise and marked with a red tape warning — "ASBESTOS." Is it really safe?

According to Bill Deeds, Fort Hays State Environmental Safety Officer, these machines are called negative air machines and are perfectly safe.

These machines contain a High Efficiency Particulate Air (H.E.P.A.) Filter which cleans the air 99.7% efficiently, Deeds said.

The asbestos was being removed from the tunnel system that runs under the campus.

There were two pipes that were covered with fiberglass which ran for 250 feet inside the tunnels. The pipes were coated with a layer of asbestos glue that kept the fiberglass from breaking apart and releasing fibers into the air.

After the asbestos was removed from the pipes, the tunnel had to be repainted to make sure that no dust containing the deadly asbestos dust is released.

While the asbestos was being removed, random samples of the air in the tunnels were taken and there was no danger of breathing in dangerous asbestos fibers.

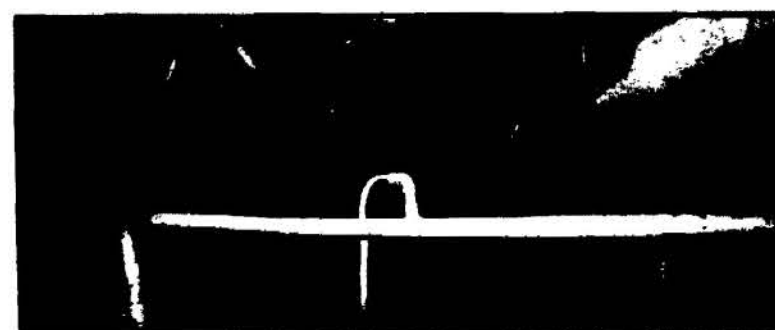
"Federal and state laws require that anytime asbestos is being re-

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ABOVE: Robert Look, Asbestos Removal and Maintenance Inc. of Wichita, stuffs a truck with bags of asbestos covered fiberglass insulation removed from the maintenance tunnels.



LEFT: These are pipes insulation was removed from.

Minimum wage increase would affect FHSU workers

Debby Werth
Staff Writer

Fort Hays State University is preparing itself for what Student Government Association Vice President Terry Bruce terms a "lose-lose" situation.

If Congress passes what Bruce calls the "equivalent to an unfunded mandate," workstudy positions at FHSU may be threatened. This "unfunded mandate" is known to the rest of the world as an increase in minimum wage. (See related stories, page 6.)

For the sixth time since its inception as part of Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal, the Fair Labor Standards Act may be amended by Congress to increase the amount of the minimum wage.

According to the Associated Press, the current amendment would increase the minimum wage from the current \$4.25 an hour to \$4.75

initially and to \$5.15 an hour a year later.

Campus officials uncertain of details

According to Larry Getty, director of Budget and Planning, it's too soon to tell what impact the increase would have. There are still too many unknowns.

"We don't know when it will pass," Getty said. "We don't know what date it will become effective. The talk in the media is it could be retroactive to July 1, September 1, or January 1."

He said there could be several ways the campus could approach the increase and it would make a difference to FHSU if the increase was "approved in steps."

Bruce said President Edward Hammond has formed a committee to look at the university's current position. Bruce also said he believes the increase "will likely be passed" with an effective date "likely at the beginning of the year."

Workstudy positions could be eliminated

Bruce said there is only so much money allocated to departments for workstudy.

An increase in the minimum wage will translate into the possibility of students working less hours and positions being eliminated. Departments wanting to maintain the status quo in terms of the hours students are employed in their departments will have to make up the increase within their department's budget.

A report discussed at a recent President's Cabinet meeting indicated that 56,041 hours of work were performed during FY96 by University students being paid \$4.25 per hour. The total impact of the 90 cent minimum wage increase would decrease the number of hours available to 410,426 — a difference of 45,615 hours.

Getty said the possibility existed that Hammond may ask for

additional funding from the legislature should the amendment be passed by Congress.

"The President will be discussing the issue with the Board of Regents and area legislators," Getty said.

Bruce said that FHSU was unique in the Regents System in that "80% of students at FHSU have jobs." He compared this figure to

the University of Kansas in which only 16% of students held jobs.

Bruce said that because "it was common knowledge that Hays did not have enough jobs for students," it's been a part of the University's commitment to its students to provide additional jobs. Workstudy has helped make this happen. The in-

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Pre-hype gathers audience for Olympics

Marc Menard
Staff Writer



Tired of all the pre-Olympic hype yet? Well, brace yourself, the opening ceremonies are tomorrow as the world arrives in Atlanta for the XXVI Olympic Games.

The Games come to the deep south for the first time, beating out Athens the site of the very first Olympic games. But, Athens did not completely lose out. The venues for rhythmic gymnastics, soccer and volleyball will be held in Athens—

Athens, Ga., that is.

These games are the centennial celebration of the rebirth of the modern games, which coincidentally were also held in Athens—Greece, that is.

Get used to it, the games are going south, to the home of "Gone with the Wind", the tomahawk chop, Martin Luther King Jr. and Coca-Cola. It should be an Olympic Games with a southern-fried style.

Atlanta will play host to an estimated 11,000 athletes from a record 197 countries and no doubt thousands upon thousands of Olympic followers as well.

Here in America, we have already been inundated with all types of Olympic souvenirs, from t-shirts, hats, key rings and pennants. Yes,

red, white and blue has become quite fashionable these days.

Izzy, the Olympic mascot

Not to mention the growing popularity of Izzy, the non specific, blue blob that is the Olympic mascot. He has gone from a Whatizit to an Izzy. He has come of age, but despite any rumors you may have heard, he is not running in the 1996 presidential election.

No two Olympics are alike, and this one will probably be most remembered as the first corporate funded Games.

The afore-mentioned Coca-Cola is estimated to have spent nearly \$300 million on the Olympic Games, and built a 12-acre amusement park complete with a six story Coke bottle. Definitely, the real thing. Other corporate sponsors include AT&T, Budweiser, Kodak, McDonald's and VISA.

Made in the USA

The Games have a definite "Made in the USA" atmosphere to them. New sports included in the medal count this year are beach volleyball, mountain biking and women's softball. I guess it wasn't enough that the USA already has the home field advantage.

Let's get right down to what everybody wants to know. Who will win the gold? For all of you gold "diggers" out there here are the best bets for Olympic gold.

Obviously, Dream Team III, the over talented and under challenged

men's basketball team will easily win. The bet is not if they will win, but, by how much? Ho hum. This is a no brainer. Take Sir Charles and company.

Speaking of hoops, the women's basketball team is a very intriguing bunch. The women's team, formed over a year ago, has been barnstorming ever since in quest of the gold medal in Atlanta.

Led by Lisa Leslie, Sheryl

become the world's newest "fastest human".

Kansas native in Olympics

On the women's side, there is Gwen Torrence, the moody but gifted sprinter who should win the 100. Of special interest to Kansans will be Steve Fritz, a native of Gypsum who has a legitimate shot to medal in the decathlon along with event favorite Dan O'Brien.

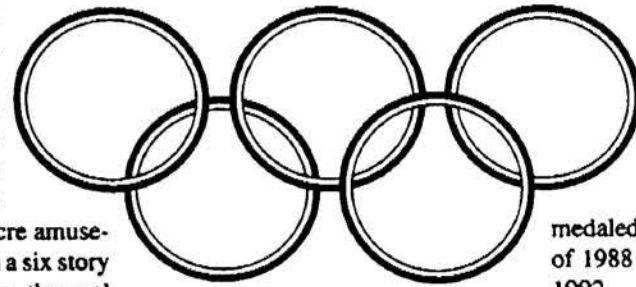
The USA Swim Team should also

harvest its share of Olympic medals, led by Gary Hall Jr. whose father was an Olympic medalist and Tom Dolan. The women's team features Janet Evans the ageless swimming wonder who medaled in both the Seoul Games of 1988 and again in Barcelona in 1992.

In wrestling, 35-year old Bruce Baumgartner will attempt to become the first freestyle wrestler to medal in four Olympics. He is a super heavyweight favorite who simply gets better with age.

So there you have it, the short version of who's who at the Olympic Games. But, stay tuned, the real fun is just beginning, as for the next 17 days the eyes of the world will be on Atlanta.

My only advice to y'all is to get comfortable, have plenty of refreshments on hand and keep the remote on automatic pilot. It's going to be a worldly campout in front of the television as the world competes for Olympic glory.



Swoopes and Teresa Edwards, the women are ready to make their mark on the world.

Moving on to other venues. The women's gymnastic team is sending one of their most experienced teams ever led by Shannon Miller and Dominique Moceanu. Both gymnasts had to petition for Olympic spots after injuries forced them to miss the trials. But, look for both talented gymnasts to challenge for medals.

At the track and field arena, it is with certainty that USA sprinters will win their share of medals. Led by Michael Johnson, who recently set the new world record in the 200. He is clearly odds on favorite to

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Universal nap policy needs to be taken for a trial 'run'

Laurie Bean
Columnist



Remember when we were in pre-school and right after lunch we took a nap on our little mats?

Remember how refreshed we always felt when we woke up?

Wouldn't it be nice if we could do that again?

Just imagine, a set universal nap-time! Every-one who wants to lay down and take a nap can do so.

Businesses could rearrange their hours. They could include an extra hour during lunch breaks and extend the day to make up the time.

Some businesses wouldn't even have to close their doors if they chose not to.

However, if the majority of the people are taking naps, the business would probably decline during that time.

Don't you think people would be a great deal more pleasant if we all took naps. I know I definitely would, and most of my friends can attest to that.

Just think, with everybody being much kinder, maybe we would stop hurting one another. Maybe racism, "genderism", ageism, and all other

forms of discrimination would end.

Imagine it, we might just stop destroying our Mother Earth. Over-population, pollution, deforestation, and the destruction of all life forms would become nearly non-existent.

The petty disagreements over religion and power would no longer lead to war. Our leaders would simply take a nap, wake up calm, and talk out their differences.

Maybe crime would drop to an all-time low if we all took naps. And the judicial system would be revamped so that it actually worked.

Maybe in this world where we all take naps, everyone would just be too lazy to fight and hurt one another. On the other hand, maybe we all just wouldn't be crabby anymore.

I know in the real world this idea couldn't exist. People always have to find something to complain about. And in order to complain, we all have to be just a bit crabby.

Besides, some people tend to resist change. And when they do resist, they do so loudly and strongly.

You know I think we can learn a great deal from children and how they live. Kids don't hold grudges. They don't hate people for what others look like or how they behave.

This would be a beautiful world if we could behave more like children.

For now I guess I'll just go lay down and dream that I lived in a world where I could always take a nap.

Cleanliness is next to craziness and impossible for busy writer

Debby Werth
Staff
Writer



I am a failure. My grandmother, a person who still influences me four years after her death, would highly disapprove.

"Just when," she would ask, "do you plan to clean this house!"

It's not that my house is a mess. In fact, people who enter it usually comment on how clean it is. It's clean because I clean what people can see. Pretty sneaky, huh?

The problem I have is that somewhere inside me is this nagging urge — this impulse which demands that I tear every darn thing apart in the house and clean it — whether it needs it or not!

I have thought about this a great deal lately, and truly believe it is irrational for me to feel this way. It's ridiculous for me to be so concerned about cleaning my house.

Yet I am almost obsessed with the screen door which needs to

have the winter's crud removed from it and the water spots winded away, with the garage door which should be hosed down, with the window sills that need to be revarnished. And then there's the spider webs which gracefully drape from the corners of every room in the house.

I fully intended to get to it before summer school started. But then I had an opportunity to take a vacation.

I went shopping in Boston, fought traffic in New York City, sprinted through New Jersey on my way to someplace else, and got stuck in a real-life "lane." (It looked more like a cow path than a lane and the quaint little bridge almost gave out under my vehicle — but that's another column.)

So, my intentions were good but opportunity knocked and I answered the door. So now every day after classes, I come home and am haunted by the dirt no one appears to see but me.

I blame my mother and grandmother for this compulsion. When I was growing up, every year in the spring I was subjected to participating in ripping the house apart and cleaning. My mother would stop my complaining with "this is nothing compared to what we used to have to do!"

She told me a story about how her father (a carpenter) had finally nailed and screwed a bookcase he had built into the wall because my grandmother insisted that not only did every book in the case and the case itself have to be cleaned, but the entire case had to be moved out and cleaned. And this happened every single week!

So, I conclude this isn't all my fault. I come by this honestly. But what I am trying to determine is — does this irrational compulsion come from my environment, or is it genetic?

Are those Volga-German genes calling to me from all aspects of my lineage, pointing fingers accusingly at me while whispering, "Just when do you plan to get this done?"

I looked at my calendar yesterday and realized there were only two more weeks of summer school.

Then I looked at my life during the following week. I briefly thought about all the pleasant things I could do to fill those weeks. Then I slammed the book shut.

Don't bother me. I will be cleaning.

Reader Feedback

Dear Editor:

I enjoyed your article about nailing into trees in the Leader. I'm glad you cared enough about plant life to notice this. I wish you would write or have someone do something about litter on campus.

I have been here eight years and have been waiting for an article on litter. We have talked about it with others at times but nothing is done.

Litter is all over the campus. It is not as bad now but during school we spend a lot of tax-payer's dollars to have litter picked up. Students, faculty, and staff leave litter in parking lots, on the quad, and around the dorms.

I can't tell you the times I have seen people set entire fast food trays of trash out of their car onto the bare parking ground! I was a student in the 70s and I thought students and others of the 90s were more in tune

with recycling, trash, environment, etc. What about the SAGE organization? Maybe they could help stop the war on litter. Or maybe some of the environmentalist professors could help.

The life cycle of litter (if you will) causes us a lot of work. Even one cup lid or straw wrapper is a hassle.

We pick it up, it goes to the back of our vehicle, has to be sorted later from plant material into a can and then into another special dumpster.

Wouldn't this have saved us all this if the person didn't litter at all? Sorting trash is very yucky also!

The reason I'm telling you this because since you cared enough about trees which is great, I thought you could have someone write an article on litter or tell the editor or someone.

The dorms are a definite prob-

lem. We have students and full time workers clean up the dorm parking lots. You would not believe the stuff we pick up.

I think the students should be educated for the 90s about not littering and also — why couldn't each floor take turns picking up?

I pick up litter in town for to adopt-a-mile programs. Why can't someone do adopt-a-dorm or -quad? The dorms are the first impression a lot of visitors get when coming to FHSU.

I hope you can help me with this or steer this in the right direction. I would be glad to assist in any way.

Sincerely,

Nancy J Shaver
Plant Tech II
Grounds Department
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at
what
we've
got!

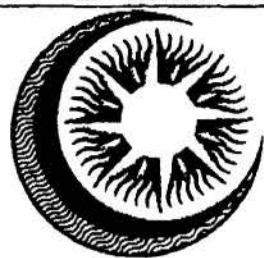
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A Fun Day's Night

Tammi Krebaum
Features Editor

Along with the thoughts of summer, come thoughts of blooming flowers, ripe wheat, swimming pools, trips to the ice cream shop, summer nights and the county fair.

This year's Ellis County Fair, entitled A Fun Day's Night, will kick off on July 21.

•Sunday, July 21

The 17th Annual Lion's Club Demolition Derby will begin at 6:30 p.m. For those without a 1996 Fun Card ticket (see ticket information below) a single night ticket can be purchased for \$8.

•Monday, July 22 and Tuesday, July 23

The cowboys and cowgirls will be out for the P.R.C.A. Rodeo. The rodeo will begin both nights at 8

p.m. and a single night ticket can be purchased for \$8.

"The rodeo is a tradition in Hays. We try to provide a variety of entertainment (during the Ellis County Fair) and there is a lot of interest in a rodeo," Linda Brown, administrative assistant for the Ellis County Fair, said.

•Wednesday, July 24

Come and sit under the warm summer stars and enjoy the hottest county stars as they perform their

latest hits just for you.

Beginning at 8 p.m., The Nostalgics will take the stage.

"The Nostalgics are a local group out of Victoria...and they sing a variety of music," Brown said.

Following their performance, The Dutton Family will take the stage at 9 p.m.

The Dutton Family performs a "family-type concert that will appeal to all ages. (They) are a very versatile group," Brown said.

The Dutton Family is known for their clogging, dancing, singing and telling of jokes.

Single night tickets for these concerts can be purchased for \$5.

But the musical entertainment does not stop there.

•Thursday, July 25

At 9 p.m., the Blue Healers will be opening for the "1964"-The #1 Beatles Show in the World.

When a fair goer catches the Blue Healers concert, they will hear '50 and '60s type rock-n-roll music.

And that is only the beginning. Following the Blue Healers, "1964"-The #1 Beatles Show in the World will take the stage and perform for you the hits of the Beatles.

Their act is an exact replica of the Beatles...they even have a left handed bass player, Brown said.

"They do an awesome job. They are identical to the Beatles. If you didn't know any different, you would think that they were the Beatles," Brown said.

Single night tickets for the Blue Healers and "1964" will cost \$12.

•Friday, July 26

Beginning at 9 p.m., David Lee Murphy and Wade Hayes will take the stage to perform their country hits.

Murphy will be performing his hits including "Party Crowd" and his latest single "Dust on the Bottle."

Hayes will continue the musical evening by performing his top country hits.

Hayes is an "upcoming star in country music. He sings the more traditional country ballads," Brown said.

Single night tickets for these concerts will be \$16.

•Saturday, July 27

The musical entertainment will wrap up with performances by Rhett Akins and Diamond Rio

Once again, the music will begin at 9 p.m. with Akins performing such songs as "That Ain't My Truck" and "She Said Yes."

Then Diamond Rio will wrap up the musical entertainment for the Ellis County Fair by performing their hit songs "That's What I Get For Loving You" and "Finish What We Started."

Single night tickets for these concerts will cost \$16.

So come and enjoy the summer and all of the activities that the Ellis County Fair has to offer!

•Ticket Information

Fair goers have the chance to purchase the 1996 Fun Card.

The Fun Card can be purchased for \$22 for an adult ticket (11 years and older). Children under 10 years old are admitted free.

The 1996 Fun Card admits the holder to any and all grandstand events.

Tickets are available in Hays at

•Both Dillons Stores located at 27th and Hall and 1902 Vine

•Hays C-Mart's located at 2707 Vine, 501 W. 27th and 1601 Main

•Vanderbilt's located at 2938 Vine

•Stonepost Buckles located at 2938 Vine

•Midwest Drug located at 2938 Vine

•and U-Save located at 2704 Vine.

In Stockton, tickets can be purchased at C-Mart located at 204 S. Cedar.

In Plainville, tickets can be purchased at C-Mart located at 101 S. Washington.

In WaKeeney, tickets can be purchased at C-Mart located at Main and Barclay Avenue.

In Russell, tickets can be purchased at Stop-2-Shop located at Highway 40 and Elm.

In Ellis, tickets can be purchased at Cross Convenience Corner, address unavailable.

In Victoria, tickets can be purchased at Victoria Total, address unavailable.

In Hill City, tickets can be purchased at Cameron's Corner located at 405 W. Main

In Phillipsburg, tickets can be purchased at Tom's Korner located at 695 State.

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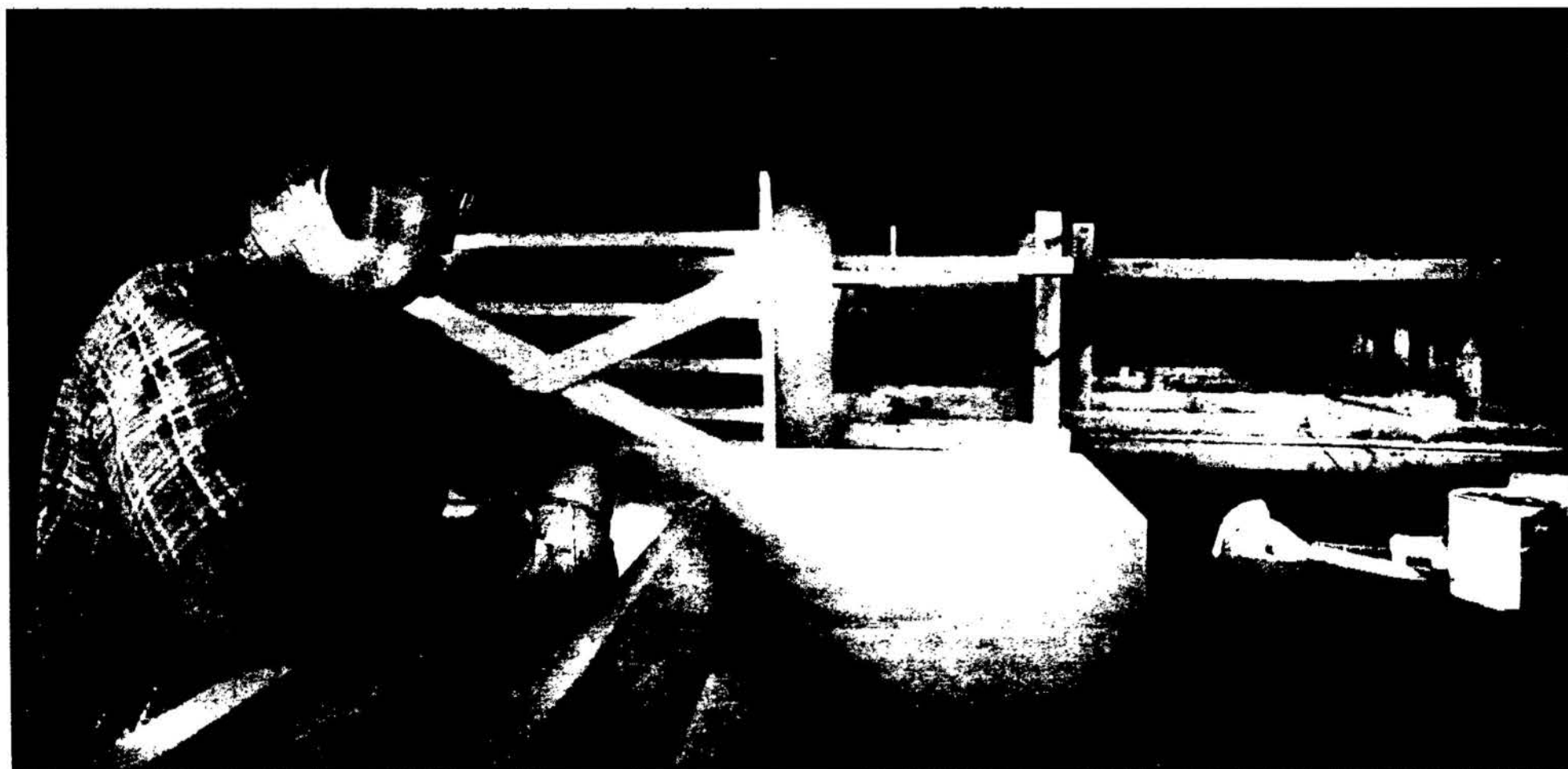
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at the Ellis County Fair



Sunday, July 21

9 a.m.-3 p.m. Open Class Horse Show
5 p.m. 4-H Dog Show
5-11 p.m. Merchants' Exhibits open
6:30 p.m. Demolition Derby
9 p.m.-midnight Free Midway Band

Monday, July 22

8 a.m.-noon Weigh 4-H Beef, Sheep & Market Hogs, enter 4-H Poultry/rabbits/goats; receive FFA entries
2-6 p.m. 4-H Arts & Crafts conference judging
4 p.m. 4-H Dairy Goat Show
5-11 p.m. Merchants exhibits open
6 p.m. 4-H Sheep Show
5:30-7 p.m. Free ham & bean feed
7 p.m.-midnight Carnival on the Midway
8 p.m. P.R.C.A. Rodeo
9 p.m.-midnight Free Midway Band

Tuesday, July 23

6:30-8 a.m. 4-H Breakfast
8 a.m. 4-H Swine Show
10 a.m. 4-H Food sale
4:30 p.m. 4-H Bucket Calf Show
5-11 p.m. Merchants' Exhibit Opens
6 p.m. 4-H Feeder Calf & Beef Show
7 p.m.-midnight Carnival on the Midway
8 p.m. P.R.C.A. Rodeo
9 p.m.-midnight Free Midway Band

Wednesday, July 24

8 a.m. 4-H Rabbit Show
1:30 p.m. Team Fitting Contest
4:30 p.m. Grand Champion Fitting and Showing
5-7 p.m. "I Can Do" Booth
5-11 p.m. Merchants' Exhibit Open
5-8 p.m. Carnival on the Midway
6:30 p.m. 4-H Livestock Sale
8 p.m. The Nostalgics
9 p.m. The Dutton Family
9 p.m.-midnight Free Midway Band

Thursday, July 25

10 a.m. Open Class Rabbit Show
1 p.m. Open Class Poultry Show
2 p.m. 4-H Showcase
5-7 p.m. "I Can Do" Booth
5-11 p.m. Merchants' Booth Open
6 p.m. Free All American Meal
7 p.m.-midnight Carnival on the Midway
9 p.m. Blue Healers and "1964"
9 p.m.-midnight Free Midway Band

Friday, July 26

10 a.m. Open Class Sheep Show
1 p.m. 4-H Small Pets Show
5 p.m. Open Class Beef Show
7 p.m.-midnight Carnival on the Midway
9 p.m. David Lee Murphy and Wade Hayes
9 p.m.-midnight Free Midway Band

Saturday, July 27

11 a.m.-11 p.m. Antique/Restored Tractor Show
1-5 p.m. Hays Medical Center Health Fair
5-11 p.m. Merchants' Exhibits Open
6 p.m. Pedal Tractor Pull
6:30-8:30 p.m. Family Fun Night
7 p.m.-midnight Carnival on the Midway
9 p.m. Rhett Akins and Diamond Rio
9 p.m.-midnight Free Midway Band

*All events will take place at the Ellis County Fair Grounds. Take I-70 heading west to exit 157. Exit and head south on Alternate 183, turn before Yuasa Exide and go west 1/2 mile. Look for the carnival lights!



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OPPOSITE PAGE: Joe Wary, Ellis County Ag agent, prepares for the upcoming fair by wiring a safety warning sign to the fence of the livestock show arena at the Ellis County Fair Grounds.

TOP: Paul Baier, Ellis County Fairboard Chairman, surveys the tables and cases that he must move from the Commercial Building to the Shank Building of the fair grounds.

ABOVE: Janell Schmidt, 16, speaks with the judges during the 4-H fashion review held Tuesday at the KSU Agriculture Research Center's auditorium.



FRED HUNT / University Leader

Melissa Nulty, Jewell senior, performs duties as a student worker for the Registrar's Office yesterday afternoon. The proposed minimum wage hike could threaten her job.

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crease in the minimum wage could change the University's ability to continue that commitment at the same level.

Janna Lamle, Garden City senior, said it would be impossible for her to exist on minimum wage alone. She said she's made it through college with the assistance of "loans, my parents, and a part-time job" and that she "used to live with a roommate" because it was "much cheaper." She echoed the sentiments of many students on campus when she said she would be happy with an increase in the minimum wage if "I don't lose my job."

"I won't be happy if I lose it," Lamle said. "\$4.25 is better than nothing."

Senate approves 90-cent minimum wage hike

WASHINGTON (AP) —

The Senate on July 9 joined the House in approving a 90-cent increase in the federal minimum wage after first rejecting, 46-52, an attempt by Republicans to exempt small businesses from paying the higher rate.

Republicans said the exemption was needed to prevent layoffs at companies that would be financially strapped if forced to pay higher wages.

"These are Main Street businesses," said Sen. Christopher S. Bond, R-Mo., who sponsored the amendment. "This kind of increase in the minimum wage is a 20 percent increase in their payroll costs."

President Clinton had previously said that he would veto the bill if it included a small-business exemption, a provision other Democrats said would only shield companies from paying a little more to their lowest-paid workers.

"If we care about helping the working poor, then we must support an increase in the minimum wage regardless of the size of the company they work for," said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass.

With the small business exemption out of the way, the Senate overwhelmingly approved the underlying bill to raise the minimum wage from \$4.25 to \$5.15 per hour in two increments over the next year.

Minimum wage has long history in United States

Debby Werth
Staff Writer

The proposed minimum wage increase is a hot political topic right now, but the issue isn't a new one.

According to the World Book Encyclopedia, in 1938 Congress originally passed the Act which established a minimum wage of 25 cents per hour and provided that the minimum wage be raised to 40 cents by 1945.

The Act also limited the standard workweek to 44 hours, but provided for it to be reduced to 40 hours by 1940. The Act mandated that overtime (the time worked beyond the 40-hour limit) for employees be

reimbursed at the rate of 1-1/2 times their regular rate.

The Act also banned the employment of children less than 14 years old, except for limited employment in certain agricultural jobs. Children 14 or 15 years old were (and are) prohibited from working in factories or during school hours. Also, people less than 18 years old may not work in jobs declared hazardous by the U.S. secretary of labor.

Minimum wage was originally established to eliminate the oppressive wages and sweatshop conditions many females and children found themselves in during the 1930's.

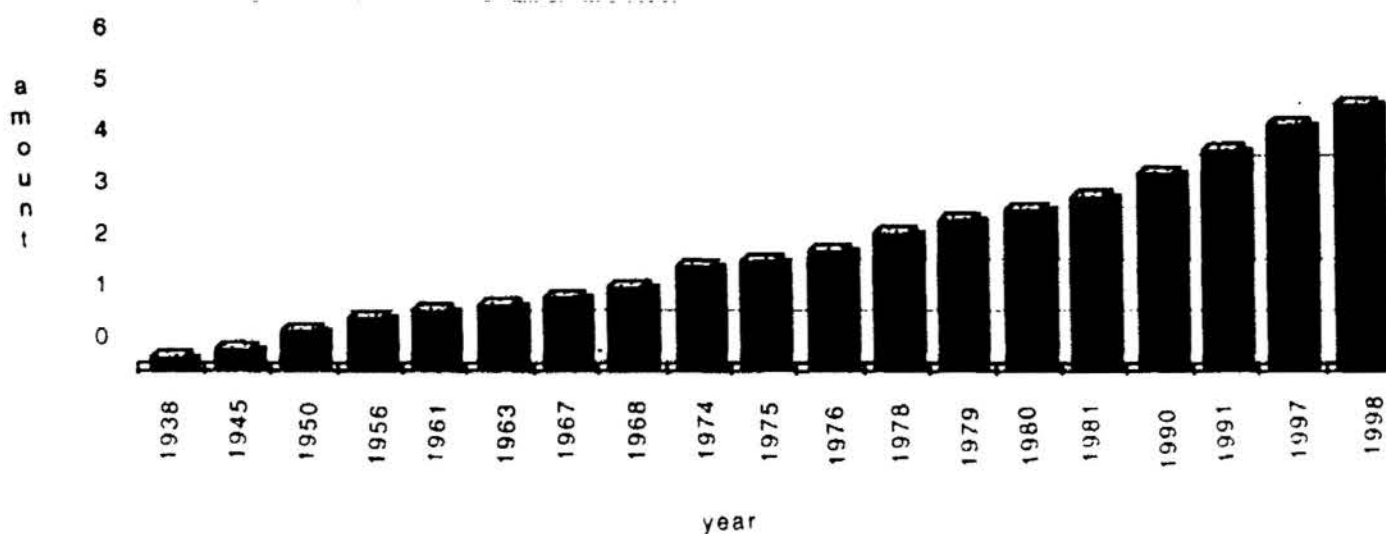
By the mid-20th century, a secondary purpose developed in that the government became involved through a mandate that all workers should receive a fair wage for work performed.

The original purpose of minimum wage was to guarantee that a person working a normal number of hours could support a family at acceptable standards.

The chart below tracks the increase in minimum wage from its inception in 1938 to the potential increases being discussed in Congress for 1997 and 1998.

The wage has increased by four dollars in its history of almost 60 years.

History of Minimum Wage



Politics play role in Senate approval

WASHINGTON (AP) —

With election-year pressure building, most Senate Republicans sided with Democrats in approving a 90-cent increase in the hourly minimum wage for 10 million American workers.

The Clinton administration has campaigned vigorously for the wage increase and has chided Bob Dole, President Clinton's likely opponent

in November, for not speaking out in behalf of it. The minimum wage issue bedeviled Dole's final days as Senate majority leader, with Democrats blocking movement of other bills because of GOP reluctance to take up the minimum wage.

Dole's campaign, in a statement, said he had made clear his support of a raise in the wage and said Clinton had ignored the issue in his first two years and was now "playing maximum politics with minimum wage."

Twenty-seven Republicans joined all 47 Senate Democrats in approving the legislation. It would increase the minimum wage in two steps from \$4.25 per hour to \$5.15 by next July and offer businesses \$11 billion in tax breaks over eight years.

The tax breaks in the House version total \$7 billion over the same period and differences will have to be worked out between the two chambers before the entire package can be sent to the White House for President Clinton's signature.

The defection rate in the Senate was even higher than in the House in May, when 93 Republicans supported the increase and 138 opposed it.

"You'd have to say they See "Politics" page 7 —



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Chillin' out!

Bonnie Orozco, Kanopolis non-traditional student, and Tammy Warshaw, Victoria senior, take a break yesterday afternoon by the fountains in front of Picken Hall.

Renovations to take place in various campus buildings

Marc Menard
Staff Writer

Money earmarked for future renovation projects on the campus of Fort Hays State University will not become available until at least October, according to Eric King, Director of Facilities Planning.

Improvements to be made include complying with fire codes, making each building handicap accessible and remodeling classrooms. The biggest part of the project that will see the complete renovation of Albertson Hall, Martin Allen Hall and McCartney Hall. The projects are

scheduled to take place over a period of several years.

The cost of the project is estimated to be \$18.1 million and will be funded by the Education Building fund, which is money that is earmarked for building projects of each of the Kansas regents schools. The money slated for the FHSU renovation project is just a mere portion of the \$164 million that will be split among the other Kansas regent schools this year.

An estimated \$3 million of the project will be used to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1988 in making FHSU more accessible to individuals with dis-

abilities.

"We are looking at bringing the campus in compliance with the code. This includes installing new signage, drinking fountains and ramps. We have already been able to get a leg up on some of this," King said.

Renovation of some classrooms may start within the next couple of months, in an effort to bring all classrooms up to date. According to King, FHSU is in the process of hiring an architect for the renovation of classrooms, a project that will cost an estimated \$2.3 million.

"Renovation for better classrooms is sorely needed," King said. "We will only be able to do about four or five classrooms per semester and I expect this project to run over a five year period."

Another \$4 million is slated for general repairs around various campus buildings.

The biggest chunk of money, about \$8.6 million will go towards the packaged renovation project that will restore Albertson, Martin Allen and McCartney Hall.

The smallest part of the project will be updating buildings to comply with fire codes, a project estimated to cost \$200,000.

"The campus is in relatively good shape as far as the fire codes go, it will take only a small portion of the funded money," King said.

Another project being looked at in the future is the possible renovation of the Memorial Union, which currently houses the cafeteria, the University Bookstore, and several hall-rooms and conference rooms

Technology fee to be enacted this fall

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A one-dollar-per-credit-hour technology fee for Fort Hays State students will be enacted this fall.

The increase was approved by the Board of Regents in May 15, 1996, according to Chad Nelson, Student Government Association president.

At the last Student Government Association meeting, a resolution to support a \$1 per credit hour fee increase was passed.

Terry Bruce, SGA vice president, said the original resolution SGA passed was in support of an advanced information network fee assessment of one dollar per credit hour only if 75 cents per credit hour were allocated to the proposed internet project and the remaining 25 cents per credit hour were allocated to the radio station for the sole purpose of purchasing the equipment needed to establish an on air radio station.

This allocation to the radio station would have ended after three years, with the funds raised after that period to be allocated on an annual basis similar to those in the Education Opportunity Fund fund.

"But it was struck. So we just went with a dollar. We support it," added Bruce.

The fee will be enacted the fall 1996 semester.

Rodolfo Arevalo, Provost, said that the fee will go for President Edward Hammond's Internet project. The project will provide Internet access to all students on campus, as well as the ability for people off campus to access the Internet by using 1-800 number.

Start-up costs for the program are \$200,000. The fee would raise about \$120,000 a year. The University will cover the remainder of the start-up costs.

Equipment and the system for the Internet project will be set up and ready to use in the fall 1996 semester, said Arevalo. Arevalo said students and faculty will have unlimited access to the Internet and other websites across the nation. Students will be able to communicate with instructors and access various libraries, and faculty will also have faster access than they do now.

Tricia Goodschmidt, Larned, junior, said, "I'm happy because it's pretty cheap. My dad has to pay \$35 per month to get internet access. So it is a good offer."

Sue-Ching You, Taipei, Taiwan, junior, said, "The fee should focus on the students who need the internet access. The school should figure out the better way or policy to benefit all students instead of a part of them."

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(Democrats) have been successful in gridlocking the Senate and you have to give them credit for that," Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said in an interview. "But in the process they're missing a lot of very important issues that need to be addressed for the American people."

Moments before the final Senate vote, five Republicans joined Democrats in defeating, 52-46, an amendment that would have exempted newly hired workers and small business employees from the wage increase. Clinton had threatened to veto any bill with the exemptions.

"The Senate has turned its back on the men and women of the smallest businesses of the country," Sen. Christopher Bond, R-Mo., who sponsored the amendment.

But Vice President Al Gore called the vote "a straw in the wind to determine which way the winds are blowing" in 1996.

"Asbestos" from page 1

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HAC art exhibition promises cool deals for hot artwork

Beth Norman
Copy Editor

Good bargains and hot deals will be at more than just area shopping centers this week.

The Hays Arts Councils annual Summer Sales Exhibition is currently on display. Potential bargain seekers can find the exhibition at the HAC Founders Gallery, 112 E. 11th.

"We usually have Summer Sales every year," Jane Urban, HAC employee, said.

Urban continued by saying that the turnout for the art sales varies every year.

"Sometimes we do really well (and) other times it's just a way for people to come and see what we have (to offer)," she said.

Two Fort Hays State professors and one FHSU student will be displaying pieces in the exhibition.

Dustin Herbig, Hays senior,

Kathleen Kukhar, professor of art and Frank Nichols, professor of art all entered a hand colored etching titled "Scriabin Boquet." All three have pieces of their work on display.

Many of the pieces will be for sale at lowered prices. As a bonus, HAC members will receive a 10 percent discount on the marked price of all works in the exhibition and a 15 percent discount in the gift gallery through August 23, according to a press release.

In addition to these works, HAC is also displaying "Audubon of Moths" which is a watercolor paintings display done by John Cody, Hays resident. These paintings will also be on display through August 23.

Cody's display features full color watercolor paintings of various moths as seen through his eyes.

So conquer the feeling of the summer heat by looking at some of the cool deals at the HAC.

Two artists, one show and a kaleidoscope of color

Brent McNulty
Copy Editor

Moss-Thorns Gallery of Art, Rarick Hall 102, is hosting an art exhibition by two Fort Hays State graduate students.

The exhibition, which will run through July 27, features the art work of Stephanie Dorr, Steamboat Springs, Colo., graduate student and Teresa Preston, Hutchinson graduate student.

Dorr, who is pursuing her master's degree in painting, will be featuring some of her paintings that demonstrate the emotions and feelings that she puts into her work.

These works of art are portraits made up of a lot of colors and brush strokes which helps the paintings to come to life.

Her paintings range from large

works to small framed art pieces.

However, Preston will be displaying a different kind of art.

Preston, who is pursuing her master's in jewelry and sculpture, will be featuring many different pieces in this show.

Preston uses sea shells, rocks and other items from nature to create this "primitive" type of jewelry and sculptures.

Her work ranges from small rings to large necklaces and head jewelry.

Her style is one that will capture your imagination and make you wonder about the stories behind her work.

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•Teresa Preston

When I was a child, I was a scout and I learned how to camp, hike and latch wood into useful forms. Much of my creative process has been strongly influenced by fond experiences with nature," Preston said.

ships to a supreme deity, nature and human beings," she said.

This showing is a diverse representation between the bright almost abstract work of Dorr and the primitive look of Preston.

Local bands to play

Janella Mildrexler
Editor-in-chief

For those who think that Hays has nothing to offer the youth of the area, think again. This coming Monday, at 7 p.m., three bands are scheduled to perform at the Hays National Guard Armory, 200 Main.

The bands include Hays' own Lemming and Bi-Polar and a touring band, Big Fella, with an entrance fee of three dollars at the door.

Anyone and everyone is invited, but this performance is mostly for the under 21 age group.

"One of the reasons we're doing this is that it seems like a lot of kids here have an over abundance of time and we want to do something about that," Chuck Schmeidler, guitarist and lead singer for Lemming, said.

"Basically, this is like a test. I'd like to find something for all ages to do on a semi-regular basis. Hays is mostly geared towards college-aged kids, 21 and over.

"We want to set something up for younger people, 18 or not yet 18," Levi Erickson, Bi-Polar guitarist, said.

The bands will all be playing original songs, with the exception of an Elvis cover by Bi-Polar. The styles of music range from Ska, a form of punk and jazz combined together in Big Fella, to straight punk from Bi-Polar, and finally to the grunge alternative band Lemming.

According to Erickson, the entrance fee is only being charged to pay back the initial set up fees and to make gas money for the touring band, Big Fella.

"(On tour) we stay with people who set up the shows, with kids. We camp out, sleep on floors, couches, tables, wherever we're offered," Matt Chapman, bassist for Big Fella, said.

"Everyone talks about how there's nothing to do and so we go forth and set this up. I'd be disgusted to see people not come," Erickson said.



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Chuck Schmeidler, Hays sophomore, and Ryan Belsner, Hays incoming freshman, member of the band "Lemmings" opening next Monday evening at the National Guard Armory

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